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COTTON DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government provide separate grants for various centrally sponsored schemes i.e. Macro-Management Action Plan Isopalm and Intense Cotton Developmenta Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some States including Rajasthan have asked the Government to restore the grant limit of 50 percent as usual in Macro-Management Action Plan; and

(d) if so, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a)&(b): Grants are released to the States separately for implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes − Macro Management of Agriculture, Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) and Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton. The Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme is being implemented by all the States; Technology Mission on Cotton by 13 cotton growing States; and the ISOPOM scheme is being implemented in 14 States for oilseeds and pulses, 15 States for Maize and 12 for Oil Palm. Under the Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme, the funds approved for implementation of the Work Plan are shared by the Central and State Government concerned in the ratio of 90:10 except in case of North Eastern States and Sikkim in case of which the entire expenditure In case of the other two Schemes, the funding pattern is in the ratio of 75:25 between the Central and State Government concerned.

(c)&(d): Under the Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme, the approved rate of subsidy per farmer or per activity is 25% of the cost or rate of present subsidy available under the schemes subsumed under the Scheme, whichever is lower. A number of States including Rajasthan have raised the issues of increase in the subsidy rates which, however, is not permissible under the Scheme.